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Dept orally informed Italian Embassy (Morabito) on Sept 8 that USG believed preferable to schedule aviation negotiations for January 1967 since December might not allow sufficient time for useful discussions. Dept expressed willingness meet in Rome beginning January 9 and stressed desirability both sides dedicate both time and effort to make that meeting successful.

Morabito stated that in communicating USG suggestion to Rome, he would suggest desirability prior preliminary exchange of views in order facilitate preparations for January negotiations.

FYI. Dept fully expects at least two sessions will be required to complete negotiations with second session taking place in Washington. However, this not ~~mentioned~~ mentioned to Morabito to emphasize desirability reaching agreement at first session if possible. Dept also did not mention possible preliminary meeting with chief of Italian delegation as suggested by last paragraph Rome 1197. End FYI.

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